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Arizona's Cotton Acreage and Production Decreased From 2007

Upland cotton production is expected to total 400,000 bales, down 23 percent from the 2007 crop. If realized, this will be the lowest Arizona production since 1948. Yield is estimated at 1,444 pounds per acre, compared to 1,469 pounds per acre last year. Harvested acreage at 133,000 acres is down 35,000 acres from a year ago. This is the lowest harvested acreage since 1943. Arizona's 2008 American-Pima production is estimated at 1,600 bales, the lowest production since 1948. Harvested area is estimated at 800 acres for an average yield of 960 pounds per acre. This is the lowest acreage harvested since 1947 and the second lowest acreage ever harvested in Arizona.

Upland cotton production is estimated at 12.6 million 480-pound bales, down 4 percent from the December 1 forecast and down 31 percent from last year. The U.S. yield for upland cotton is estimated at 799 pounds per acre, down 34 pounds from last month and down 65 pounds from last year's record high. Harvested area, at 7.56 million acres, is down slightly from last month and down 26 percent from last year. Upland planted area, estimated at 9.30 million acres, is down 12 percent from last year.

American-Pima producers planted 174,000 acres, down 40 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 169,400 acres, is down 41 percent from last year. Production is estimated at 446,600 bales (480-pound), up 1 percent from December but down 48 percent from last year's record high. The U.S. yield is estimated at 1,265 pounds per acre, up 11 pounds from December but down 154 pounds from last year. Producers were finished planting by the end of June. The crop developed normally throughout the summer and fall. Harvest got underway by late September and was complete by mid-December.

Arizona's cottonseed production for 2008 is estimated at 146,000 tons, down 20 percent from last year.

U.S. cottonseed production is expected to total 4.43 million tons, down 33 percent from 2007.

Arizona durum wheat seedings for 2009 are estimated at 110,000 acres, down 40,000 acres from 2008.

Other wheat seedings at 7,000 acres, are down 6,000 acres from last year.

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